

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1090 - SB 1668

March 11, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from three to one, the number of copies of building and utility codes incorporated by reference that must be filed with and maintained by the county clerk.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Revenue – \$5,000

Decrease Local Expenditures – \$5,000

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-701, county clerks are authorized to charge a fee of \$5 for filing miscellaneous documents.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, on average, cities and counties adopt a residential building code, commercial building code, fire code, life safety code, electrical code, mechanical code, plumbing code and fuel gas code every seven years. A total of eight different codes must be adopted by every local government.
- There are 343 municipal governments, 92 county governments and 3 metropolitan governments throughout the state. Each jurisdiction is required to file with the county clerk copies of all codes upon adoption.
- Reducing from three to one, the number of copies of codes that are required to be filed with the county clerk will result in a decrease to local expenditures of \$35,040 [(438 local governments x 8 codes x \$5) x 2 copies] every seven years or \$5,006 (\$35,040 / 7) each year.
- There will be a reduction in local revenue to county governments equal to the total reduction in local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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